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NEWEST ADDITIONS TO CM/ECF PROGRAM

Michael Haber, Michael Marr and David Galler have joined the ranks of attorneys taking advantage of the benefits of CM/ECF.

Several firms are scheduled for training over the next few weeks. We are always excited to add new participants, and are putting forth an extra effort over the next several weeks to add as many filers as possible.

Please ask your colleagues to contact the Court to schedule training.

NEW SOFTWARE VERSION AND ON-SITE SERVER

On November 13, 2000, the Court converted to the newest version of the CM/ECF software. This new version improved the areas of case opening and adding/creating parties.

The new software also allowed for more local control of access levels and report capabilities.

NOVEMBER 2000 STATISTICS FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

Division	Total # of Cases Filed	Total # of Paperless Cases	Percent of Paperless Cases
Atlanta	1740	514	29.5%
Gainesville	240	87	36.25%
Newnan	343	110	32.0%
Rome	381	173	45.4%
Total	2704	884	32.6%

NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMPARISON

From the time the Court began receiving electronic cases, there have been 426,801 docket entries made in the CM/ECF program, and the external participants have made a great contribution to that total.

We have made some calculations based on statistics as of October 31, 2000, and found the following:

Average number of entries made by external participants on a per case basis:

Northern District of Georgia	8.5
Southern District of California	1.8
Southern District of New York	6.3
Eastern District of Virginia	2.5

Average number of entries made by external participants since the inception of CM/ECF:

Northern District of Georgia	362
Southern District of California	213
Southern District of New York	26
Eastern District of Virginia	63

As you can see from the above statistics, as a group, you are utilizing the benefits of CM/ECF at a much higher rate than your colleagues in the other districts.

CREDITOR MATRIX

It has been brought to my attention that several mistakes have been discovered in the mailing matrices filed electronically by attorneys. The responsibility to file an accurate mailing matrix is that of the filing attorney.

Errors that have been discovered include, among others, the following: (1) Little Rock, AL, with a zip code for Little Rock, AR; and (2) Pac Bell Cellular instead of Pac Bell Cellular.

The Clerk's Office will not correct errors in mailing matrices. It is recommended that the attorneys quality control the matrices prior to downloading them into the

CM/ECF system. If mistakes are discovered after the matrix is filed, the attorney must file the appropriate pleading to correct the errors.

It has also been brought to my attention that there is confusion regarding the correct mailing address for the Internal Revenue Service and the Georgia Department of Revenue. The correct addresses are as follows:

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 995, Stop 334-D
Atlanta, GA 30370

Georgia Department of Revenue
Bankruptcy Section
P.O. Box 38143
Atlanta, GA 30334

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Gary Drake at 404- 215 - 1196, or by e:mail at gary_drake@ganb.uscourts.gov.

FEEDBACK

As always, we encourage your feedback regarding your experiences with this program. We recognize that it does not provide you everything you need, but we are working very hard to insure that we are doing everything possible that we can to make it better.

Please send your comments, etc., to either Gary Drake at gary_drake@ganb.uscourts.gov or Mike Smith at mike_smith@ganb.uscourts.gov.

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